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REPARATIONS SOUGHT FOR TUSKEGEE VICTIMS

By Chinta Strausberg

The Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr. said President Clinton's apology to five African-American men who survived the government-run Tuskegee syphilis experiment is enough and called for reparations for those families.

Jackson, who told the Chicago Defender that he may make a third run for the presidency, said Clinton didn't go far enough when he publicly apologized to Frederick Moss, Herman Shaw, Fred Simmons, Charles Pollard and Carter Howard, who were among the 399 human guinea pigs used in the deadly experiment.

"I think that people deserve an apology, but they also deserve reparations because those men who were monitored had wives and children who were exposed to syphilis."

"While an apology is important, there needs to be a monitoring of the impact of this experiment and those families deserve reparations," Jackson said.

U.S. Senator Carol Moseley-Braun praised Clinton for publicly apologizing to the men whose syphilis went untreated for decades under the federal study.

However, in a letter to the President, she asked about the ethics of the current nine U.S.-funded medical experiments on AIDS currently underway in Africa, Asia and the Caribbean on people of color and their children.

She was referring to government studies in these regions on the effects of AIDS.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY AMONG POOREST GRADUATION RATES OF BLACK TRACK ATHLETES.

WASHINGTON, DC—Stanford University graduated 100 percent of its White male track athletes and none of its African-American male track athletes over a six-year period, according to *Esquire's* fourth "Bottom 50" report. Similarly, Troy State and Loyola Universities graduated 100 percent of their White female track athletes and no Black females.

"Everyone is somewhat responsible for these discouraging rates. As coaches, we hold a grave responsibility, but at the same time, the students must understand what they came in here for—what starts at home," says Beverly Kearny, president of the Division Men's and Women's Track & Field Coaches Association and head women's track coach at the University of Texas, Austin.

CONGRESSMAN PAYS CO-SPONSORS EXPANSION OF PUBLIC'S RIGHT TO KNOW

WASHINGTON, DC—Rep. Donald Payne is among the leading co-sponsors of the Children's Environmental Protection and Right-to-Know Act of 1997, which has just been introduced in the House of Representatives. Companion legislation is expected to follow shortly in the Senate.

Responding to voter pressure for increased sensitivity to environmental concerns, a bipartisan coalition in the House last week passed the largest expansion in the nation's community right-to-know law since its enactment in 1986. The focus: expanding the protection given to America's children, 10 million of whom live within four miles of a toxic waste dump, and who face health risks from previously unreported chemicals in kids' products.

"I am pleased to co-sponsor the Right-to-Know and Children's Environmental Health Protection Act," said Payne. "New Jersey's communities need to be informed about toxic chemicals that infest our foods, workplaces, and environment. This legislation will help parents to protect their children from the toxins that are currently hidden from view."



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Manville residents fight hate

By Danyle Lamont Jenkins

MANVILLE—People from other parts of the state have nicknamed this central New Jersey town "Klanville," and some residents here are saying that term is appropriate. With more persons of color moving here, tensions have been building to the point that they are looking to build an organization that will combat the racism they believe has run rampant for years.

"There's been more people around of different races (but) it's been here all along," says resident Jo Ann Rivera who was raised in

Manville and married to a man of Hispanic and Italian origin. "I have friends who don't want to come live here because they know about the town. They have been pulled over and harassed and some were told not to come back."

Manville began as a company town. Johns Manville, an asbestos manufacturing plant, located here over a hundred years ago, bringing commerce and jobs to the region. The company was a major casualty when asbestos began to draw health concerns, and when it shut down the jobs that the town thrived on disappeared with it.

The makeup of Manville has always been predominantly Polish, Hungarian, and Catholic, with only a sprinkling of Black or Hispanic persons living here. These years, with many going outside of their community to find work, some have built relationships with persons of color which endured as they returned to their hometown.

The racism felt by Black or Hispanic goes back a long way. A Black couple in the late 70s were burned out of their home, allegedly by residents angry because they moved there. Rivera says that racism of this magnitude against persons of color has been

commonplace, even in her own home, but it is showing signs of increasing lately. She says at one point it was so bad she had to escort her children through the school they attend due to the harassment and intimidation. According to other teens, who attend the same school, there are some students involved with White supremacist group. Black teachers in the past have been harassed. It has also been alleged the Ku Klux Klan has also been prominent with some members walking around in Klan regalia as recent as Halloween in 1995.

The worst incidents, Rivera says, comes from a bar which she lives above. According to her, the bar patrons, mostly older, White males have physically attacked her teenage children and their friends, most of them Hispanic, Black, biracial, or Whites who interracially date. The teens say they are routinely called racial slurs, and in one videotaped altercation outside the bar one person is heard in an argument saying that they do not want Blacks or Puerto-Ricans in Manville. "These people see a different race, they see troublemakers," Rivera said, "That's not right."

Terry Hamilton, a dark-skinned Hispanic person who has recently moved here told of an incident two weeks ago when four patrons from the bar attacked him. The local teens joined in the scuffle which went on until police arrived. "I told them that I wanted to file a complaint, and the officer told me don't bother because nothing would happen," Hamilton said, adding that the almost exclusively White police force has seemed to assist in the harassment. Richard Rivera, Jo Ann's husband, is in agreement, and pointed to an incident in February, 1995 in which police burst into his home with a warrant for his arrest. The charge came from Bridgewater citing contempt of court because he did not appear for a court date which actually wasn't for two days, Rivera says before this was resolved he was beaten by the officers, resulting in broken ribs and hand and him being maced. "The cops out here are prejudiced cops," he said. "They like to beat people up and use their pepper mace."

Chief of Police Michael Moschak doesn't feel the problems in Manville have been as rampant as the Riveras say they are. "I am not aware of any racial tension," he said. "I have never had to deal with any kind of problem like that in my whole career." He also said the story of a Klan march on Halloween two years ago was "absolutely untrue," and that there has not been any activity of that sort in town. He did, however acknowledge that allegations outside Persch's might have occurred. "If it did happen," he added however, "it didn't happen in front of my police officers." He pointed out that there is a bias statute in local ordinances, and if there was

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Although this sign greeting drivers along Manville's main road suggests otherwise, some residents say that is not the case if one is a person of color.

Save our Lil' sisters

By Dr. C. Dolores Tucker

I want to meet Lil' Kim. I want to sit and talk with her. I want to have a woman to girl, or woman to woman exchange with her. I want it to be down to earth, give and take, an exchange of heart felt views that only women can really affect.

I want to sit unharmed in a private place where the sounds of the outside world are muted, and the silences in a comfortable room will engulf us. I want to patiently listen and be listened to. I want her to understand that I love her and want only the best for her. For if she doesn't really understand this, feel it in the very marrow of her bones, she will not hear me, or bear with me very long.

I want her to know that my long, protracted and uncompromising fight against Time-Warner and the giants of the entertainment industry for producing and distributing worldwide the filthy gangsta rap lyrics that demean Black women—hold our entire race up to ridicule and shame—and pimp pornography to our children—has never been directed at the artists who are nothing but pawns in this scurrilous game.

My fight and that of my organization, the National Political Congress Of Black Women, Inc. (NPCBW), which I founded and of which I am presently chair, has always been directed at the gangsters in the suites (the entertainment moguls who refuse to accept the artistic offerings of our talented rap artists unless they agree to "get down and dirty," vulgar and filthy, the more pornographic they are, the more demeaning the assaults on our mothers and other black women, the more racially down putting, and self inflicting the wounds in these creations, the more eagerly accepted, and readily marketable) they become.

I want Lil' Kim to understand that it is not the gangsters in the street, but the gangsters in the suites, I am after. I can't emphasize this point enough—that she and other Black artists are lucrative pawns in this horrible drug-driven, race-driven, violence-driven, greed-driven business that targets too many of our youthful artists for the prisons or early violent deaths, i.e. Tupac Shakur and Biggie Smalls.

I want to meet Lil' Kim, not to lecture her, not to shame her, nor to demean her. Lord knows that she currently gets too much of that already. No, I want to meet her to hear her



C. Dolores Tucker

dreams, to share them, to help her, if she will permit me, if she can bring herself to trust me, expose the deepest places, the secret places where the festering wounds lay throbbing and untreated, and together maybe we can start a process of healing. I listen to her songs, the terrible and shameful lyrics that tell me of a deep abiding hurt inside this sensitive young soul, this woman of 20 years. I don't need to be told that she came from an abusive home from which she fled in desperation and panic at any early age, or that she is a protégée of the late Bessie Smith, in whose tragically violent footsteps she has already set her hopeless course.

To hear her music is to know her present state of mind. I believe this is a talented young woman, a soulful young artist who has so much to offer the world—if she can only live long enough to change to a more positive course.

I want to remind her that she comes from the same genetic pool that has blessed our world with an unending array of stellar artists ranging from Marion Anderson to Whitney Houston, from Mahalia Jackson to Dionne Warwick, to Ella Fitzgerald and Aretha Franklin; to the divine Sarah Vaughn, and the incomparable Lena Horne; to Leontyne Price, Diana Ross and Patti LaBelle, from the glorious Jesse Norman, to Melba Moore and Anita Baker, from Dinah Washington to the glittering stars that stretch virtually from the dawn of time, into infinity, and Lil' Kim, a rightful heirress, is irrevocably attached to the line of great talents.

I want to see, if after we have

talked, if there is something my organization can do right now for her. I want us to put our collective arms around this terribly wounded young soul, to administer to her hurts and her battered self respect. I want to see if we can encourage her to develop her talent in a positive way, as we nurture her, with tender love and understanding, to be all that she has the talent and the potential to be—if she has the will.

I want to meet Lil' Kim! Yes, I want to sit with her, and soon. As I send out this initiative, I am also calling the help of Jamie Brown, the publisher of *Sister Sister* magazine who has tremendous respect in all segments of the music industry, to arrange this meeting.

We must reach out to our Lil' sisters like Lil' Kim and save them from the greedy entertainment industry exploiters and allow them to grow, to mature into the wonderfully Grand Queens of tomorrow! Then our hearts will be truly warmed and our souls at rest!

'97 African American Heritage day parade



A little rain on her parade didn't dampen the spirits of this young Irvington High School participant in the African-American Day Parade in Newark last Sunday. The parade brought out the residents, clergy, and politicians like Mayor Sharpe James and Governor Christine Todd Whitman. The rain unfortunately kept some planned events, such as a skydiving tribute to the Jersey Airman, from taking place.

Whitman: audits, plans required before school funds are released



Gov. Christine Todd Whitman

by Sonya Kimble-Ellis

Governor Christie Whitman recently responded to the Supreme Court's May 14th ruling on the Abbott vs. Burke decision. In response to her proposed school funding bill, the court ordered the state of New Jersey to supply schools in 28 "special needs" districts with upwards of \$250 million in additional funding.

"I am concerned about the ability of any district to spend so much money so quickly, in an appropriate manner," Whitman said in a recent press-release statement. As a result of such concerns, she announced that each district will be required to submit a plan to the state. "It focuses on fiscal auditing. There's a little emphasis on educational quality," Sciara, who has been involved with the issue of additional funding for low-income schools for several years, says that the state should work more closely with the districts and that their focus should be more so on the improvement of education.

Appearing to keep a tight reign on the funds she has been ordered to provide for "special needs" districts, Governor Whitman said the state will send money to these districts only after they've "demonstrated their ability to use that money in pursuit of clearly defined educational goals." Sciara feels that this approach could delay monies getting to schools by September, the date set by the Supreme Court. "The state is throwing up road blocks by requiring continual audits," he said. "We're concerned with the heavy focus on filling out reports and invoices."

In an effort to provide additional help to school districts, Whitman is encouraging local residents, parents and community members to work with them in developing their plans. In addition, she has directed Leo Kligonsky, the Education Commissioner, to put together an advisory committee that will help meet the state's requests. The committee will be made up of educators, community leaders and parents. "If the commissioner devotes attention to that process," explains Sciara, "it will be helpful to the goal of properly educating children."

The funds provided by the state can be used in a number of ways. Programs that were scheduled for multi-year phases such as early childhood education, technology and other programs related to the funding law's efficiency standards, plans to lower class sizes, 2 to lower class sizes.

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Community Calendar

EVERY MONDAY
NEWARK—Employment Clinic at Essex County College. For more information, call 201-877-3385.

EVERY TUESDAY
NEWARK—Trinity St. Philip's Catholic Businessperson's Midday Services. For more information, call 201-822-3505.

EVERY WEDNESDAY
NEWARK—Effective Parenting Skills Training at Essex County College. For more information, call 201-877-1895.

EVERY SATURDAY
PLAINFIELD—Indoor Flea Market. Downtown area. For more information, call 908-936-2663.

EVERY MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
NEWARK—Free Health services by the city Dept. of Health and Human Services. For more information, call 201-752-7000.

EVERY MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY
NEWARK—Psychodrama support group for women. For more information, call 201-877-1895.

EVERY TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY
NEWARK—"Getting Started with the Computer" at Essex County College. For more information, call 201-877-1895.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28
MOUNTAINVIEW—Fourth Annual Breakfast Meeting of Union County Alliance at L'Altre. For more information, call 908-527-5244.

PLAINFIELD—Writers Reform Forum. For more information, call 908-753-3523.

THURSDAY, MAY 29
ELIZABETH—Crafts and stories for 3-5 year olds at the Library. For more information, call 908-353-4820.

NEWARK—Board of Adjustment meeting at City Hall. For more information, call 201-733-6333.

SATURDAY, MAY 31
OLEN RIDGE—Regional Technical Assistance Institute for the New Jersey Arts in Goals 2000 at Olen Ridge Middle School. For more information, call 1-800-2ARTS89.

NEWARK—17th Annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon sponsored by the Concerned Black Nurses of Newark at the Ritz Marriott. For more information, call 201-373-4020.

PLAINFIELD—12th Annual Plainfield Antique & Custom Car Show at Park Mall. For more information, call 908-752-2931.

SUNDAY, JUNE 1
PISCATAWAY—Walk for Community

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 or fax to 908-753-1036

Sharp swears in members of Newark rent control board



At a recent City Hall ceremony, Newark Mayor Sharpe James swore in Ms. Oadline Trullitt as a member of the Newark Rent Control Board. L-R: Joseph Greer, staff analyst in the City Clerk's Office; Jerome Hagen, brother of Ms. Trullitt; Ms. Trullitt and Mayor James.

Newark central planning board sworn in



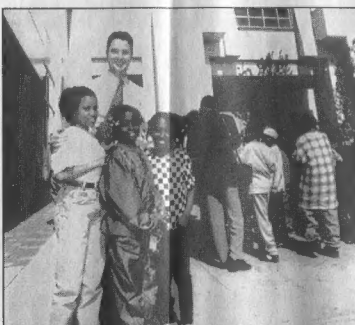
At a recent City Hall ceremony, members of the Newark Central Planning Board were sworn in. L-R: Joseph Greer, staff analyst in the City Clerk's Office; Calvin R. Ledford; Albert Coutinho and Tyrone Garrett.

Allstate honors local 'sheroes'



NEW YORK—Allstate Insurance Company recently honored three of New York's "sheroes" with its From Whence We Came award in recognition of their monumental achievements at a reception held as part of Allstate's salute to African American Women of Triumph. From left to right, Les Brown, Air Personality, WBSL; Toni Fay, Vice President, Community Relations, Time Warner, Inc.; Carol Jenkins, Anchor, Fox-TV; Dr. Barbara Ann Teer, Founder/President, National Black Theatre; and Mike Brown, Territorial Agency Manager, Allstate Insurance Company, NY Region.

PSE&G sponsors field trip to LSC



NEWARK—PSE&G employee Fred DiMaria poses in front of the Liberty Science Center with (from right) Shannah Trawick, Crystal Phillips and Erica Mack of Newark's Morton Street School. The three girls take part in a PSE&G and Protestant Community Centers, Inc. (PCCI) sponsored after-school tutoring program where DiMaria volunteers his time as a tutor. PSE&G and PCCI co-sponsored the afternoon field trip to Liberty Science Center for the students and their mentors.

Weekly Horoscope

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
 It's time to consider the difference between balance and basic stagnation... and to take note of just what state you are really in. You tend to be quite critical of yourself, and judging yourself so harshly could be holding you back from bigger and better things.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)
 A loved one may unknowingly hurt your feelings this week. Let them know what has hurt you, and how to avoid such problems in the future. Be willing to look at any over-sensitivity on your part. A personal philosophy you hold dear may be questioned, so try to go with the flow.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)
 There is no such thing as perfection, so don't expect to hold dear from yourself, and those around you. Stop being so critical and learn to be good to yourself and to others. Follow your hunches this week, and you will be glad you did, or sorry you didn't. Delegate responsibilities.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)
 Your belief system may seem to be disintegrating before your eyes, and although this does not seem to be good news at the present time, it will in the long run. Take advantage of the support and care family members want to give you... family has always been there for you.

LEO: (July 24-August 23)
 Try to set aside time during the week to explore any new ways of self-expression, you may uncover creative avenues that you never had previously thought of. Let a special person in your life know that they are appreciated and loved. Spend some time alone.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)
 Facing the truth in a situation may not be as damaging as you may think. Relax into the newness and you will find that it really isn't so bad, there are advantages to a new way of looking at situations. Someone may put you in your place if you monopolize others.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)
 Gather all that excessive and positive energy to get a task accomplished this week - there is no in putting off what needs to be done eventually. Do not get caught up in a situation which is going no where. You can accomplish quite a bit if you put your heart to it.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)
 It's time for a well deserved rest this week. Along with rest should come self introspection. Pay attention to any health matters, no matter how trivial they may seem. Romance may be on hold for the time being until you review your feelings and options for how you want to proceed.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)
 This week you probably come to some important conclusions regarding the best use of your money. lively discussions with family members will bring new information to the group. Be cautious of letting another know your feelings, you may just need to sit on this one while.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)
 Any information you may be able to glean from a family member, no matter how authoritarian this figure may seem, will be well worth any uncomfortableness. Daydreams do serve a very useful function, but try not to get caught up in such fantasies. Financial juggling is in order.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)
 You may be able to teach another the lesson of focusing energies to profitable ends. You have good ideas for the workplace, but you need to soften your approach so that you don't turn off others. A cherished part of your life is coming apart at the seams.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)
 Back in the admiration of others for a job well done, and then start a clean slate. Time alone can be a real treat, so surround yourself with quietness, beauty and serenity. If you are working only for money, find additional work which will leave you satisfied.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are unusually witty, adventurous, skillful and personable - so use this to your advantage. Social happenings will lead you to new friends who will open up your life and boost your morale.

Mayor Mourao receives city key



At a recent City Hall ceremony, Newark Mayor Sharpe James (right) presented a Key to the City to Mayor Jose Bonifacio Mourao of Governador Valadares, Brazil (left) during Mayor Mourao's visit to Newark.

Plainfield resident participates in Boston University study abroad program

BOSTON, MASS.—Tara Wood of Plainfield, N.J., studied in Madrid, Spain, recently as part of the Boston University Study Abroad Program. The program in Madrid offers American college students the opportunity to study and practice Spanish language skills in Spain. Students take courses in Spanish civilization, history and literature at the Instituto Internacional en Espana.

Wood is a senior majoring in international relations at Boston University's College of Arts and Sciences. A graduate of Woodstock Academy in Connecticut, she is the daughter of William Wood.

Errata

In Volume 13, Number 33 of City News, we inadvertently published "WAA opposes affirmative action." This should have read "WAA supports affirmative action."

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Denny's 'welcome back' to blacks

SPARTANBURG, S.C. (AP)—Denny's is using new ads to say "welcome back" to black customers after complaints of racial discrimination.

The restaurant chain launched a \$5 million television and radio advertising campaign earlier this week. It is designed to ease lingering resentments that may have kept many black customers away.

Company-sponsored research showed many blacks believe Denny's managers and servers provide lower-quality service to black customers, said Herb Kemp of Chisolm-Mingo, the New York advertising firm that developed the ads.

The ads aim "to let African-Americans know that Denny's is a changed place" where blacks are "respected and wanted," Kemp said.

Three 30-second spots feature black professionals going to Denny's with clients or family members.

One ad opens with a black architect walking around a construction site with a white client. In the next scene he arrives at a Denny's restaurant, where the greeter says, "Hi, welcome to Denny's."

Denny's, which is owned by Spartanburg-based Flagstar Cos. Inc., gave more than \$1.5 million to civil rights groups and the United Negro College Fund in January.

Debbie Rowe: I don't mind being separated from Jackson, son

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Debbie Rowe, the wife of Michael Jackson and the mother of his 3-month-old son, says she doesn't need to live in the same house and her husband and child.

Rowe, who has her own apartment, denied reports that she and the pop superstar and bore his child, Prince Michael Jackson, Jr., on Feb. 13, for money.

"I don't need money," said Rowe, 37, a nurse who lives in Los Angeles. "I would never do this for money, I did this because I love him."

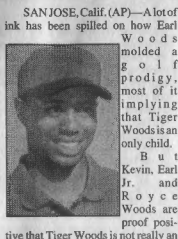
A London tabloid reported after the child's birth that Rowe was paid more than \$500,000 to carry the singer's baby. Rowe also denied reports that the child was conceived by artificial insemination.

Jackson was most recently spotted in France with his son at the Cannes Film Festival, where he was showing his latest video, "Ghosts."

His wife described him as a devoted father.

"He feeds (the baby), he changes his diapers, he reads (to him), he sings to him," Rowe said. "If he's on the phone, the baby's in his arms. If he's in a meeting, the baby's there. He takes naps with him."

Rowe, shown on television riding a Harley-Davidson motorcycle and clad in black leather, said she is independent, someone who does not need to be with her husband and son all the time.



SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP)—A lot of ink has been spilled on how Earl Woods is molded a prodigy, most of it implying that Tiger Woods is an only child.

But Kevin, Earl Jr., and Royce Woods are proof positive that Tiger Woods is not really an only child.

Jamaica tries to lure Freaknik to Montego Bay

ATLANTA (AP)—Jamaica, with the enticement of an all-inclusive package to the Caribbean island, is attempting to attract students to Montego Bay from Atlanta for the annual black college spring gathering known as Freaknik.

"We know about Freaknik, and we welcome the students here," said Glenville Johnson, senior revenue manager for Air Jamaica.

"We already get a large spring break crowd," he said. "This is an opportunity for us to extend to the U.S. community a chance to sample Jamaica, for them to see what Jamaica has to offer."

Johnson said the tourist industry in Jamaica is working on a package that will include round-trip air fare, hotel, all meals, water sports and tips starting at \$449 per person.

There are students who could handle the air fare easy," said T.W. Williams, a Clark Atlanta University graduate who has promoted Freaknik events since 1994. "A lot of these students have got some money, and they will spend it on something like that."

He said a Freaknik in Jamaica would be a hit with the students, but added that students would still flock to Atlanta for the spring festival during the third weekend in April.

Meanwhile, some of the 15,000 who attended the True Value Buying Market and Convention at the World Congress Center that was held during Freaknik last month in Atlanta were

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tiveness of brief use of azidothymidine, or AZT, that allegedly prevents mother-to-child transmission of the HIV virus.

Saying that an apology for the Tuskegee experiment that went on from 1932-72 was "long overdue," the senator said these men were "denied a basic citizenship right to be treated as equal citizens under the law."

"They were lied to by their government and used as guinea pigs in a deadly experiment," Moseley-Braun said.

"Under the guise of wanting to provide adequate health care to poor African-American men, the U.S. Public Health Service enlisted 600 im-

only child. Earl Woods had three children by an earlier, 18-year marriage. They grew up on the streets of San Jose and have considered Tiger their baby brother long before he was a household name.

Typical is a Los Angeles Times column written last month, shortly after Tiger Woods reached new heights of fame by winning the Masters, perhaps golf's most prestigious tournament. Tiger was described in the opening paragraph as "the only child of a Thai mother and a United States Army Green Beret colonel."

Technically, the column is true, in that Tiger is the only child by Earl Woods' second marriage to Kultima

not happy. "I don't understand why the Georgia World Congress Center would book a convention knowing what kind of celebration is going on that same weekend," said Stephanie Haneval, who along with her family left their Darlington, Wis., store to attend his True Value convention.

"I am absolutely incensed that they would do that," she said, adding that they were not told that Freaknik would be going on at the same time. Dan Graveline, executive director of GWCC, said his employees tell groups that their plans could collide with Freaknik.

Written complaints from some who attended the convention told of three-hour cab rides, closed restaurants and rude police officers at road blocks. During the loss of business transactions in the millions of dollars.

"It got all tangled up," Graveline said. "Freaknik is just too unpredictable."

True Value is set to convene in Atlanta again in the spring of 1999, but it said it would pull out if its convention date again clashes with Freaknik.

"We will not, regardless of assurances, ever subject our store owners, employees, exhibitors and their families to a similar situation," Dan Carter, chairman and CEO of True Value, wrote in an April 25 letter to Mayor Bill Campbell.

poorized African-American men to conduct a study on the natural course of syphilis. During the course of the study, 399 of the men were denied treatment for syphilis," she said.

"They were doomed to death by disease by their government," she added.

Senator Moseley-Braun said the government cover-up has led to a general distrust of public health officials and the government by Blacks "which exists to this day." She said she has fears about the AZT studies.

"We must never allow unknowing patients to be abused as they were in the Tuskegee scandal, and we must not put people in harm's way in the name of science where there is clearly no rational excuse to take such risks,"

Woods. But then there are the three children of Earl Woods and his ex-wife, Barbara Woods Gary, who now lives in Kansas.

In recent interviews, the three children, two of whom still live in the San Francisco Bay area, described for the first time their upbringing, the genesis of Tiger's training, their close relationship with Tiger and what it's like to live in the shadow of the only sports star who rivals Michael Jordan in recognition and popularity.

Unfortunately for the tabloids, which have hounded them for months for dirt on Tiger and their dad, it's not a story of jealousy and resentment. While the three children, ranging in age from 38 to 41, didn't get the Tiger treatment, they do not seem to begrudge him or their father much.

"At no time did I feel any jealousy or feel neglected," says Royce Woods, Earl's lone daughter and a San Jose resident.

"My father always gave me my fair share of attention. I've been daddy's little girl," she explains. "I've questioned why we don't get mentioned, but Tiger has never denied (our relationship) in the public eye. It's just that it's been all about him, and he deserves it."

Earl Woods Jr., the oldest sibling, who now lives in Phoenix and works as a fitness technician, agrees with his younger sister.

"It'd be nice to be mentioned once in a while," he says. "But there is no resentment. I'm fine right next to the spotlight."

In his book, Earl Woods describes the children by his first wife as a "trial run" for raising Tiger.

That trial run did not include putting a golf club in any of their hands as toddlers, as Earl Woods told dad with Tiger. In fact, back then, Earl Woods himself had not yet taken up golf.

According to everyone's accounts, the Woods family grew up a typical military family, often on the move. They bought a house in San Jose, occasionally renting it out when Earl Woods would be stationed elsewhere in the country. The three children were born one right after the other: Earl Jr. in 1955, Kevin in 1957 and Royce in 1958.

Earl Woods, a top baseball player at Kansas State University, did instill a love of sports in Earl Jr. and Kevin.

But the regimen Earl Woods crafted for Tiger from the time the boy was in a high chair, watching his dad hit golf balls into a net in their garage, was not there for the first children. Their father was off pursuing his own teaching and military career much of the time.

"The difference was the structure of the coaching," says Earl Jr. "You need structure. My Dad was always there for Tiger; it was like living with your coach."

Still, with all of Tiger's fame and fortune, his family has hardly chosen to live the high life.

Like many Silicon Valley workers, Kevin, who is married with two daughters, moved to the East Bay suburb of Brentwood so he could afford a larger house for his family. He says he has no expectations that Tiger will open his wallet for him. Indeed, he drove off from a recent interview in an old rustbucket of a car.

The same goes for Earl Jr., who says he lives modestly in Arizona. The only advantage to him is that his father is now instructing his 6-year-old daughter, Cheyenne, in golf because she seems to have inherited the Tiger gene.

Sports equipment manufacturers also have willingly supplied the youth with golf clubs.

Tiger Woods did buy Royce, who works for Mitsubishi in Sunnyvale,

her San Jose house. Kevin says it was to thank her for her help during Tiger's two years at Stanford University. But Royce and her brothers downplay the significance of Tiger's riches.

One of the few drawbacks, they say, is that Tiger is such a hostage to his handlers and schedule that it is difficult for them to maintain contact with him. Earl Jr. stays in touch with Tiger by sending letters to him through International Management Group, the agency that represents him.

The fact he's so valuable means he's got no free time," Earl Jr. adds. "It's hard to access him. There's no attitude or anything like that. It's just that everybody wants a piece of his time."

There's one more problem, Kevin, who works for AMD in Sunnyvale, tells of having to provide his identity to a radio host so he could contract a caller's claim that Tiger is spoiled.

"That's the only thing I have trouble with," Kevin says, pointing to a bartender at his favorite Sunnyvale sports pub. "You know how many times I've had to show my ID to him to prove who I am? That's the only thing that's hard for me—always."

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LETTERS

Make career days count

The other day, students from Malcolm X Shabazz High School in Newark got a chance to quiz two highly respected corporate executives during a student-led press conference. Tim Washington and Dale Caldwell, both from Deloitte & Touche LLP, spent time telling these student about their jobs and what it takes to make it in corporate America—something that these youngsters need to know from people who've done it. We applaud all those who participated in this activity including the students.

What is more interesting is the format they chose for this valuable exchange. The press conference format is a great way to share career information. Too often a school administrator or teacher will invite a guest to speak about his or her career. However, if the speaker isn't a professional ball player, rap star, or part of Toastmasters, most of the time is spent trying to motivate the class to listen or take in active role.

With the press conference approach, students have read background information and after a brief introduction by the speaker, they can fire away at the things in which they are most interested. Students get much more out of the session and the speaker probably feels more at ease.

New career days are so prevalent, make them count. No matter what you call it. Students who are prepared to listen and interact will make the time spent away from their books and the speaker's time spent away from the office worthwhile.

Letters to the Editor

Project re-direct/youth & family services advocates for children and families

Dear Editor:

I am presently a Guidance Counselor in the Newark School District (School 70th St. School), and recently became Executive Director (Co-founder/CEO) of Project Re-Direct/Youth & family services; an initiative that is being positioned to move from school based to community base this summer. And being stated, "I can proudly remember being a teenager in Brooklyn back in the 70's. I grew up in Bedford Stuyvesant, and had to deal with many of the problems that are facing young people today, on the streets of Newark. But we could depend upon working during the summer. If we were fourteen years old and older. There are not as many jobs available now, as they were when I was 14 years old."

When the Peer Leaders at St. 17th Street School (a group of students that I train and develop as leaders and peer counselors) were asked the question: "Why do you want to work this summer," they answered:

Eric Marshall, honor roll student who was 14 years old in July, wants to have a summer job "to have something meaningful to do this summer."

Da'Neicia Davis, honor roll student, states "I want to be independent and not have to depend on my parents for extra money."

Marcus Wooten states that he wants to work in order to help his grand mother "pay bills" with the money that he earns.

The Mission Statement of Project-Re-Direct Youth & Family Services States: "We believe that a more appropriate response to juvenile delinquency and crime in the Newark community is not the building of more prisons and juvenile facilities, but developing economic opportunities (gainful employment) for our young people, and the members of our community at large."

Tharion Karim Arnold (President of the Board, Vice Principal at Morris H. Bayonne NJ, and a life time resident of Newark states "as a young man born in Newark, and educated in the Newark public school system, I can relate to the sentiments of these students. Working is very important. I have worked my way through high school, college and I continue to work very hard. Most young people want to work. Unfortunately, there are not many job opportunities out there for them. It is important that we create more jobs for young people in this community, and all, similar communities."

If you would like to receive more information contact: Sharon D. Berry/Executive Director Project Re-Direct/Youth & Family Services, PO Box 32322, Newark, NJ 07103

Democrats back Green

Dear Editor:

In light of the disturbing and, in some instances, nasty statements I have read about Jerry Green, I am writing to express my wholehearted confidence in his leadership. It is very difficult to be in public service, particularly when things are said about you that are negative and untrue; however, it is important for good people like Jerry to remain active in the public arena.

Over the many years Jerry has served the people of Union County, in Plainfield as a Freeholder, and now as an Assemblyman, Jerry has earned my respect and admiration for the issues he has championed and the stands he has taken under Jerry's leadership as Chairman of the Board of Chosen Freeholders he has worked hard on behalf of the troubled youth in our county seeking to provide quality shelter care and begin the process of addressing the need to upgrade the juvenile detention center. For the dignity of our senior citizens he has made possible the construction of a new Runnels Specialized Hospital, a state-of-the-art health care facility with a reputation second to none. And, for the well being of our employees and their families, Jerry was in the forefront of implementing day care benefits for employees with children and elderly parents. These examples are only a few of the many accomplishments Jerry has made in his public sector career.

As Chairman of the Board, I encourage Jerry to continue the good fight. Union County needs Jerry Green.

Linda Stender
Chairman, Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders

Dear Editor:

I am writing to clarify remarks attributed to me in an article in the *City News* concerning the current political situation in Plainfield titled, "Democratic committee vote questionable" (Apr. 30-Mar. 6, 1997) This article referred to a phone conversation that I had with Mr. Johnny Wolcott, where we discussed a meeting that was to be held the next day, of Plainfield Democratic City Committee members to contest your Chairmanship of that body. The article stated that in this phone conversation with me, "according to Mr. Wolcott, they were" that the meeting's outcome "will be recognized." This statement is not accurate. I have not taken a position in any conversation with anyone in regards to the meeting in question and I regret attempts to involve me in this dispute without my consent.

It would be inappropriate for me as the Executive Director of the New Jersey State Democratic Committee to use my position to give support to one side or the other of the municipal party leadership dispute. I will continue to support decisions made in accordance with the rules and procedures set forth in the by-laws of the Plainfield Democratic City Committee. It is in accordance to those rules and procedures that provide the standard for judging the legitimacy of any meetings convened or votes taken. That is my position.

It is my intention to continue working as closely as possible with Democrats in Plainfield to elect Democratic candidates to office. I hope that this will put to rest any speculation as to my involvement in the leadership controversy within the Plainfield City Democratic Committee.

Richard Thigpen Executive Director, New Jersey Democratic State Committee

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Are Back Cops Under Fire?

By Earl Ofari Hutchinson

What started out as a verbal confrontation between two motorists at a traffic light on a Los Angeles street in March, ended in the shooting death of one of the motorists, Kevin Gaines. Since violent street encounters are not uncommon in Los Angeles, the shooting might have gotten only passing mention in the news. But there was a twist. Gaines was a 10-year veteran of the Los Angeles Police Department, and an African American. Frank Lyga, the motorist who shot Gaines, was also a 10-year veteran of the LAPD, and white.

At the time of the shooting, Lyga was in plain clothes, and on an undercover assignment. Gaines was off duty. Lyga claimed that he shot Gaines in self-defense when the latter pulled a gun. Apparently neither officer knew that the other was a police officer. An LAPD spokesperson called the shooting "bizarre" and downplayed any possibility that it was racially motivated.

But many Black officers weren't so sure. Gaines's co-workers praised him as a "good officer" and a dedicated professional. Leonard Ross, a 22-year LAPD veteran, and president of the Oscar Joli Bryant Foundation, an association that represents the Black LAPD officers, was skeptical

of the official version. "At face value it doesn't add up. I think a lot of questions still need to be answered." An investigation is pending.

The Gaines shooting came at a time when the LAPD still reeks from the Rodney King beating, the racist revelations of Mark Fuhrman, the Christopher Commission's documented report of racism and abuse within the LAPD, and the ouster of the LAPD's first African-American chief, Willie Williams (strongly opposed by the mostly white police force). The disclosure that there were two complaints against Lyga for excessive force in 1991 increased the suspicions of some Black officers that Gaines out of uniform may have been seen as just another Black "gangsta."

A month after the Gaines shooting, Aaron Campbell was maced and body slammed to the ground by white officers during a traffic stop near Orlando, Fla. A District Commander of the Metro-Dade Police department, Campbell was stopped for having a tag that "obscured" his vehicle tag. The tag in question was a sticker that identified him as a member of the Fraternal Order of Police. Campbell was charged with resisting arrest and battery. An investigation is pending.

Whether the Gaines shooting or the Campbell arrest was the result of racial assessment or police vigilance, the incidents point to the troubling reality that Black officers all too often

are victims of unfriendly fire or physical assaults from white officers. Since 1941, 12 Black officers have been wounded and five killed by white officers in New York. In Nashville and Oakland, Black officers working undercover have been beaten by white officers. In most other cases no legal or disciplinary action is taken against white officers who beat, shoot, or harass Black officers.

The fear of death from unfriendly fire is so great that some Black officers in New York and other cities have refused to accept undercover assignments, particularly in high crime areas. Ross notes that fear of violence also grips many Black officers out of uniform when they have encounters with white officers. "Many Black officers feel that they are not accorded the same level of professionalism as their counterparts," he said. The tendency of many police officials to protect white officers accused of brutality is the foundation of the "Them versus Us" police culture, says Ron Hampton executive director of the National Black Police Officers Association.

Police sensitivity and cultural diversity training, the hiring and promotion of more Black police officers, and more diverse assignments for Black officers have helped reduce the violence against Black officers. But police officials debate themselves if they think this is enough. Many

white officers harbor deep racial bias that are compounded by the stress of police work.

Hampton contends that many police officials instinctively cover up and make excuses for officer abuse, "What we label the 'police culture' or 'police mentality' reflects the racism in society. Officers must be taught in the academy and [have] reinforced repeatedly while on-duty that law enforcement is race neutral and a shoot-first-and-ask-questions-later policy will not be condoned when dealing with minorities." The Association supported the recent National Emergency Conference on Police Brutality and distributes a "Ten Step Strategy to stop police misconduct and brutality" to community organizations and police agencies.

Hampton also blames many Black officers for being complicit in perpetuating or ignoring abuse even when they're the targets. "Black officers don't speak out and even commit brutal acts out of fear of not being seen as a team player or that protesting abuse will damage their career." But many Black officers that have been shot or beaten have vowed to continue their fight.

Many officers consider themselves team players and are praised as "good cops," yet are still treated as criminals. And that won't change until police officials make it clear that Black officers are not "gangsta" but officers too.

Black Male Suicide Climbing

By Gale Jones Carson

Special to the NNPA from the Tri-State Defender

Black men are killing themselves, their suicide rate will exceed those of whites within a few years.

From 1980 to 1983, the suicide rate for 15- to 24-year-old Black men rose from 12.3 per 100,000 to 20.1, a 64 percent increase, according to the CDC. The suicide rate for white men in the same age group and the same time period went from 21.4 to 23.1, an eight percent increase.

"We don't know a lot about suicide in the African-American community... (but) the dramatic increase among young African-Americans should be of particular concern because the population of Black America is predominantly young, so African-American suicides disproportionately impacts the growth and development of the Black community," said Molok.

Black men mentioned that there are several factors that increase the stress level of Black men and attributes to the increase of Black male suicide: Unemployment and underemployment, incarceration, being expelled from school and have fewer ties to community resources such as church and social groups.

Researchers agree that because suicide is stigmatized in the African-

American community, African Americans may engage in other forms of violent behaviors that are more culturally acceptable. For example, some literature suggests that some Black suicides are "disguised" in the form of "victim-produced accidents." This phenomenon may be particularly the case for young inner-city Black males who may place themselves in fatally vulnerable circumstances. Some may place themselves at the center of violent situations increasing their likelihood of serious harm or death.

Black suicides may also be masked in the second leading cause of death—accidents. Like "victim-produced accidents," "victim-produced homicides" may appear in such forms as automobile crashes and drug overdoses. Because many Blacks have religious affiliations, they may see suicide as culturally and spiritually alien, "victim-produced accidents" may serve as a way to alleviate the social stigma that may be felt within the Black family and Black community.

Firearms, according to Molok, remain the most commonly used suicide method among youth, regardless of race or gender, accounting for two of every three completed suicides.

Economic stress may also contribute to the rise in Black suicides, Molok pointed out. "The job market is less accessible to young adults due to increased competition for fewer jobs. Subsequently, economic deterioration sets the stage for suicides."

Signs Warning Signs

* Talks about committing suicide.

* Has trouble eating or sleeping. Experiences drastic changes in behavior.

* Withdraws from friends and/or social activities.

* Loses interest in hobbies, work, school, etc.

* Prepares for death by making out a will and final arrangements.

* Gives away prized possessions.

* Has attempted suicide before.

* Takes unnecessary risks.

* Has had a recent severe loss.

* Is preoccupied with death and thinking of suicide.

* Loses interest in their personal appearance.

* Increases their use of alcohol or drugs.

Farrakhan's Political Resurrection

By Askia Muhammad

Long before the story of the miraculous resurrection of Jesus Christ was ever told, Egyptian mythology spoke of the

Legendary Phoenix. It was said to be a bird of great beauty that lived in the

Desert. At a certain time every 500 years before it would consume itself by fire, then rise again from its own ashes, young and beautiful to live through another cycle.

If ever there was a modern man who possesses the characteristics of the Phoenix, then Minister Louis Farrakhan, leader of the Nation of Islam is such a man. Every year or so since 1984, when he emerged into his own from the shadow of Dr. Rev. Jesse Jackson, it seems that Min. Farrakhan has suffered one form of political death or another.

In early 1996, after he had risen high never before, eclipsing all of his previous negatives on the wings of the Million Man March in Oct, 1995, even his staunchest Black political allies gave up on him when he

embarked on his controversial African and Muslim World Friendship Tour.

"Farrakhan squandered the victory of the Million Man March," African American March supporters said, because his itinerary took him to Libya, Nigeria, Iran and Iraq.

He was also consorted with dictators, his critics cried out. "He gave aid and comfort to America's enemies," they screamed. His major allies cringed mostly, listening in silence.

"Bring Farrakhan before Congress," some shouted, clamoring for a Congressional investigation of his trip to 19 countries in 38 days, where he met 15 heads of state.

Then, in Sept. 1996 he went back to Tripoli, to receive the Qaddafi Human Rights Award, and then to Cuba, where he met President Fidel Castro.

"Farrakhan outdid himself," the shrill critics chanted. "Take away his passport!" they roared.

Meanwhile, funny things had begun to happen. Neomutt Erbehan, the leader of the Islamic, or "Well-tare" Party in NATO-member Turkey became Prime Minister.

The television program "60 Minutes" went to Iraq and documented (as the U.S. Muslim leader had said)

that hundreds of thousands of children had died and were suffering as a result of United Nations sanctions imposed at the insistence of the U.S.

Pope John Paul II received Pres. Castro at the Vatican and made plans to travel in person to Havana, the dreaded "Communist" island.

The President of Iran was interviewed on "60 Minutes," and in an unprecedented gesture, the full, unedited interview was broadcast in prime time on C-SPAN.

All of a sudden, Min. Farrakhan's international friends no longer fit so easily into the "pariah" category. At the same time at home, Min. Farrakhan received overtures from some otherwise surprising quarters.

Republican Vice Presidential candidate Al Gore praised Min. Farrakhan and the MMM and was roundly criticized by those who never want to see that strong Black man involved in substantive talks with

authorities concerning the plight of African Americans.

Then Jude Wanniski, the so-called "guru" of supply-side economics, invited the Minister to a "power reset" where the Muslim leader made a positive impression on many of the conservative thinkers and leaders there including columnist Robert Novak.

Wanniski and Mr. Novak were subsequently pilloried for having had a kind thing to say about Min. Farrakhan.

Today, with more and more prominent writers finding themselves "excommunicated" from the "church of acceptable American politics," soon, we may find more "church members" outside of the "official congregation," commiserating with the resurrected Farrakhan-the-Phoenix, while the regular membership "inside" dwindles to practically no one, no one, that is, except those anti-Farrakhan doom-sayers.

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Parent Aide volunteers develop a nurturing and trusting relationship with the single mother and can help create a safe, nurturing home, reducing the risk of child neglect or abuse.

Wanted for this workshop are women, over 21, who are parents, grandparents or have had experience in caring for children. Only a few hours a week on a regular basis is required. Evening training, ongoing support and supervision is provided for Volunteers in Public Service.

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To receive a copy of any pamphlet, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Jeanne Kruger, PPGNJ Center for Family Life Education, 575 Main Street, Hackensack, NJ 07601. For information on other resources about pregnancy, call 201-489-1265.

CONTINENTAL TO HOST PRESIDENTS' SUMMIT FOLLOW-UP BREAKFAST

NEWARK—delegates to the President's Summit on Volunteerism announced that Continental will host and sponsor a President's Summit follow-up breakfast in Newark on Saturday, June 14, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Continental Hanger 55.

All leaders of Newark institutions are invited to attend the special breakfast to establish a plan of action that will develop local resources for six thousand Newark young people before the year 2000.

According to the President's Summit officials, the nation's young people are at risk of not leading healthy, and fulfilling lives because they are lacking one or more of five essential resources: a caring adult or mentor, a safe environment, a healthy start, marketable skills and an opportunity to give back through community service.

Mayor Sharpe Iames and the Newark delegation invite all Newark clergy, income, school principals, Block and Tenant Association presidents, corporate and non-profit CEOs, business owners, college and hospital presidents, elected officials and municipal department directors and division managers.

Each leader may bring an additional person with them. Members of the Press are invited. For more information and to RSVP, please call Bill Hoogher (201-733-4498).

Rice vows to sponsor counter legislation

NEWARK—City residents are being denied their rights and that action is being orchestrated by the city council, West Ward Council Member, Ron L. Rice believes. Earlier this month the council voted, 6 to 3, in favor of an ordinance that disallows the citizen's hearing portion at the bi-monthly public municipal council meetings. Instead, the hearings of the citizens will rotate, twice a month to sites throughout the city's four wards,

starting in September. Rice and at-large representatives, Mildred Crump and Donald Tucker voted against the measure.

In a letter to Newark Mayor, Sharpe James, Rice requested that he veto the ordinance. James has since declined to override the council vote. "The ordinance prohibits residents from expressing their concerns at the public meetings. To remove the public hearings of citizens from the agenda is simply gagging our taxpayers and

voters," Rice stated in the letter.

Rice said that he will introduce legislation at the next public meeting in June in an effort to rescind the ordinance. "I don't believe that changing the mode and venue of the public's participation in the meetings is of benefit to anyone. There is no up-side to the ordinance, and even if there were, whatever the gains of altering the hearings of the citizens' they are minuscule when compared to the drawbacks of even the perception of our

stifling the voices of the public," Rice said.

"I am against any attempt by government to curtail people's right to speak."

"Elected officials are civic employees who conduct the business of the people in a public forum. The opportunity to address their representatives at such a forum is an implied right. We enter dangerous ground when we tamper with those liberties," Rice explained.

Talk show host center of more controversy



WOODBRIDGE—When controversial radio talk-show host Bob Grant comes to the Reo Diner June 10, for a live remote for his WOR-AM radio show, he may be greeted by members of the community who say they

are sick and tired of his race-baiting and hate they believe sparked a wave of vandalism against Indian-Americans in a nearby community.

Grant's last Reo appearance was on December 13, of last year. That same night in the Iselin-Memo Park section of Woodbridge, swastikas and ethnic slurs were painted on two buildings and on one home, all belonging to citizens who come from India.

One of these two businesses was also targeted with gunfire in a window. Another home, belonging to an African American, was hit that night with a slur and a swastika.

The night before on his radio program, Grant's opening monologue was an attack on the Indian-American community, singling out in particular, Iselin. "It wasn't too many years ago that most people could walk down the street and never have the pungent, sickening aroma of curry wafting up their nostrils," he said. "I don't mean to single out people who come from a country that eats curry, uses curry, bathes in curry, dives in curry, swims in curry, sleeps in curry, but it is true."

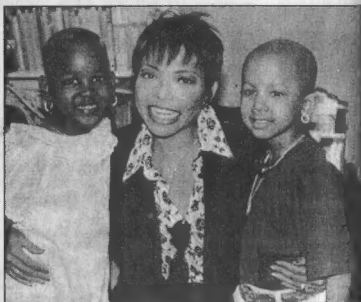
"For all practical purposes when you enter Iselin, you have left the United States of America and are now in a modern version of a small city in India...but those elements that have let us together we are losing," he continued. Why are we ashamed to want to preserve what has made this such a great nation? It's because the

politically correct vermin who have seized the high ground, who have seized control, the politically correct vermin have successfully made people be ashamed."

A press release that announced the demonstration pointed out this and his past attacks on other persons of color should be of concern to everyone. "Whether or not Grant triggered the December 13 bias attacks is secondary to the fact that he and his fanatical followers have greatly contributed to the evil attitude that 'these people' are not welcome in 'our country.'" The release also noted that the white supremacist SS Action Group, suspected in the vandalism, is based in Woodbridge and was allowed by Grant at one time to give their contact information over the air.

Recently, protesters disrupted Bob Grant's appearance at Rutgers University during WOR-AM radio's 75th anniversary celebration, the radio station on which he appears. The majority of those protesting was of Indian-American extraction.

Tisha Campbell visits Children's Hospital



NEWARK—The star of the well-known television sitcom, Martin, recently spent part of her day visiting pediatric patients at Children's Hospital of New Jersey at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center.

"This is what it is all about," said Campbell, who played Gina, an advertising executive on the show. "These children are just wonderful."

Ms. Campbell, a native of Newark and a graduate of Arts High

School, was touring the East Coast, and spent about two hours at the medical center.

She decided to make the visit learning that six-year-old Raven Williams told radiation therapist that Ms. Campbell is one of her favorite television personalities. The staff then told Assistant Vice President of Community Relations Alana Beatty, Ms. Campbell's cousin.

7th annual festival for kids

PLAINFIELD—Admission is free to the FESTIVAL, which celebrates the lives of children from birth through teenage years. The weekend will kick off with a Gospel concert from 7-9 p.m. on Friday evening, June 6th. Following the concert will be two fun filled days of food, animal rides and other exciting activities for children and their families. Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m.

The Gospel Concert Under the Stars features Bliss, Joyful Noise, Solid Rock, Provision, Fountain Baptist Church and Voices of Integrity. Tickets for the Concert are \$8.00 each.

There will be a Saturday Kickoff reception at 10:00p with NJ Secretary of State Donna Hooks, Congressman Donald Payne, Plainfield Mayor Mark Furry, Superintendent of Schools Larry Leverett and a host of corporate sponsors. A special feature of this year's FESTIVAL is the Virtual Reality Motion Simulation Theater Ride "The Reactor" a MUST DO for all ages. Special guest characters, Elmo, Buzz Light Year, Woody the Sheriff, Lucky Dalmatian, the Festival Clown

Troupe, and the Power Rangers will be on hand to greet everyone.

Children of all ages will enjoy pony, llama and stagecoach rides, amusements, carnival games, face painting, tattoos and arts and crafts. A special area is set aside for activities for preschoolers. Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center will be providing free Teddy Bear Clinic checkups for favorite stuffed animals. Visitors to the FESTIVAL can stop at the Union City Fire Safety House, shop with local vendors and eat great food. Free entertainment is provided throughout both days by, among others, the Plainfield Performing Arts Center, Mt. Vernon Violin Group, Hal Jackson's Talented Teens, Peigley's Gymnastics, Mt. Zion Puppet Ministry and Youth Choir, and African Dance, Drum and Story Telling.

The Plainfield Board of Education will provide Kindergarten Roundup. Additional community services are Child Safety Profiles with Free Photo ID provided by Elizabethtown Water Company and the Plainfield Health Center.

Fund-raiser supports youth trip to Africa

SECAUCUS—With Ujima Mission to Africa, a non-profit organization, seven youth will have the unique opportunity this July to go on a trip to Africa and the financial assistance provided by an awards banquet/fund-raiser.

Each year, Ujima Mission to Africa selects a group of young people to participate in a ten-month program exposing them to cultural, historical and medical aspects of Africa. The trips intentions are to showcase African culture better than any textbook ever could and enhance personal development, increase pride, and a heightened level of confidence.

This year's journey marks Ujima's third voyage to the continent of Africa. This year's destination is Ghana.

Ujima, the third principle of Kwanzaa, means "Collective Work and Responsibility."

The fund-raiser, Ujima's second annual African Heritage Awards Banquet, will be held on Saturday, June 7th 6:30 p.m., at the Meadowlands Hilton in Secaucus, honoring civic and community leaders.

Among the honorees will be: Rev. Craig Dunn of New Hope Baptist Church in East Orange, Mary Mathis Ford of U.M.D.N.J. Board of Concerned Citizens, Delacy Davis of Black Cops Against Brutality, Tunde Dada of Tunde Dada House of Africa and Congressman Donald Payne.

For more information and ticket price to attend call, 201-746-3079.

Largest student chess kick off

NEWARK—Gary Kasparov vs. "Deep Blue." Now, it's Newark students versus Chessmaster 4000 computer program. As part of the second annual citywide school tournament, some prodigious Newark students will challenge the computer in chess. Picture a big school cafeteria with hundreds of Newark kids playing chess, concentrating and sharpening their minds. Students and organizers will announce a goal of teaching every young person in Newark to play chess in the coming years.

Mayor Sharpe James, Superintendent Dr. Beverly Hall and the Just One Neighborhood Program will announce the second annual citywide school team chess tournament for Newark schools, public and private, on Saturday, June 21, this time hosted by Rafael Hernandez School. Teams will gather at 9:30 a.m. and matches begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. and go until 3:00 p.m. Each Newark school, K-12, is invited to field one or more teams and participate. Last year, 18 teams participated and we expect more this year. Just One is a public/private partnership initiated by the City of Newark and is cosponsored by the Newark Public Schools After School Program and the five colleges and Essex County. A school can have as many teams as it wishes but each team must have exactly five student members and an adult advisor. Schools may enter more than one team with the same advisor. There are two divisions: 8th grade & under and high school (9-12th gr.).

There is no entry fee for teams, but in the Just One spirit of community service and sportsmanship, all teams, participants and fans (parents are welcome) bring enough snacks (fruit, veggies, chips, cookies, etc) and beverages (juice, soda, etc) for their whole team and then we share. Hot dogs will be sold for \$1 at lunch. Teams should also bring chess sets with your names clearly written on the set, inside and out. Chess sets will also be sold for \$2. All advisors and players should read the Tournament Rules. Just One pledge and Just One Code carefully. The spirit of the tournament is that just one person makes a difference and politeness and respect always count.

Rafael Hernandez School (345 Broadway) is in the North Ward. From downtown, take Broad Street north to 4th Avenue and make a left. Go one block and take a right onto Broadway. After 3 blocks, it is on the right before the cemetery. From downtown (Market and Broad), the #13 bus goes right by Rafael Hernandez school as well.

Union County honors three Linden High wrestlers



Union County Freeholder Nicholas Scutari, right, presents resolutions to three Linden High wrestlers, from left, Simon Ziobro, and brothers Philip and Alan Hay, for their efforts as members of the school's team. "Alan was named Outstanding Wrestler of the Union County Tournament" for winning the 160 lb. weight class, while his brother, Philip, captured the 130 lb. title in the District 11 Championship. Simon won the 215 lb. weight class at the Region M Championship. Said Scutari, himself a wrestler in high school, "I know how tough it is to win a regular match, never mind a championship. I salute these three young men."

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Business Calendar

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

NEPTUNE—RBP Small Business Golf Outing III at Jumping Brook Country Club. For more information, call 201-242-6237 ext. 22.

MONDAY, JUNE 9

UNION—Environmental Foundation of Economic Redevelopment: Creating a Healthy Climate for Business and Community. For more information, call 609-292-3762.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

NEW YORK—The Brooklyn economic development corporation invites you to a forum "The Role of the Business Community in the School-To-Work System." 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. at 30 Flatbush Ave., Room 62, Continental breakfast, 8:30-9:00 a.m. Please RSVP by June 9 for more information call Hector Rivera at 718-522-4600 ext. 23.

THURSDAY, JUNE 12

NEW YORK—Annual Forum, "Working Partnerships Entering the 21st Century: The Small Contractor and the General Contractor." sponsored by the Regional Alliance for Small Contractors. At the Marriott World Trade Center. For more information, call 212-435-6165.

TUESDAY, JUNE 17

NEW YORK—Marketing Strategies & Techniques Seminar at Jacob K. Javits Convention Building. For more information, call 212-264-1234.

THURSDAY, JUNE 19

SPRINGFIELD—Free investment seminar, "How to Realize Your Retirement Dreams," at the Holiday Inn. For more information, call 1-800-347-5018.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

NEW YORK—Seminar, "Profit Making Sales Strategies" at the Holiday Inn. For more information, call 718-222-3630.

FRIDAY, JUNE 18

EDDYSTONE, PA.—General Meeting of the Delaware Valley Minority Business Resource Council. Sponsored by Boeing. For more information, call 215-993-9977.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

BLUE BELL, PA.—General Meeting of the Delaware Valley Minority Business Resource Council. Sponsored by AETNAUS Healthcare. For more information, call 215-993-2222.

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AT&T executives advise grads

After the graduation parties have ended and the thank you letters are written, graduates must turn their attention to two things: jobs and success.

What will make a person successful in his or her adult endeavors? What path can he or she have now to ensure a better future? Answers to these questions are not always easy to find, but some of AT&T's top African American executives share their experiences and advice:

Beyond Education

Students learn more in school than just cramming for tests, working on group projects and writing reports. Out in the working world, these activities translate into resume building skills such as having the ability to write, work under pressure and to contribute to team building. These basic skills are building blocks to success, according to Ted Darcie, AT&T Vice President—Communications Infrastructure Research Lab. "Learn how to think, communicate and solve problems, with less emphasis on what to think or which problems to solve," Darcie says.

Find What You Love

You may have thought that you've left research projects behind you. Wrong. To find your niche, Curt Fields, AT&T Vice President—Strategy and Marketing Services, recommends taking time to talk to people in different professions to find out more about their jobs: what's good, what's not so good, and what's expected. Talk to a broad base of individuals, including recent gradu-

ates and people who are in early, mid and late stages of their careers. "Don't be afraid to change course until it feels right," Fields advises.

Creativity Counts

Tapping your creative talents carries a lot of weight in the business world. The ability to think "out of the box" is admired and rewarded. AT&T's Mercedes Walton, Vice President—Business Development Division, advises graduates to refine their problem solving skills and sharpen their resourcefulness. "Know how to acquire additional data and information, be focused and consider business situations from a nonconventional perspective," she says.

Develop Relationships

People talk about networking all the time, but does it really work? Fields landed his first job through relationships he had developed during summer jobs. What he remembers most: Landing that first job "caused an early realization that you are always being assessed and that you never really know where an opportunity will come from, so you can't afford not to be 'on' all the time."

Never Stop Learning

Even though you may be finished with school, your learning curve has a long way to go. Walton thinks people should continually challenge themselves to build upon existing skills and acquire new ones, and related to that, she says, "The world is changing at warp speed and those who succeed will be able to stay in front of the learning curve by initiating their



Mercedes Walton

perpetual expansion of skills, capabilities and knowledge."

Sports Played A Role

In the business world, you'll often hear top executives say that they will roll up their sleeves and help staff members if it will help get a project done. And they mean it. Sports team experience during school helped Fields lay the foundation for his future success. He says it taught him about common goals and participating in a group as both a leader and supporter. Darcie agrees and adds that sports and other social scenarios helped him learn "how people work."

Balancing Your Work and Lives

Developing a career can be very demanding and time spent on work can overlap into personal time with family and friends. Fields encourages people to "make more time for family and friends. As time goes by, one realizes more and more how critically impor-

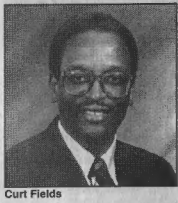
tant both are."

The Right Attitude

When the going gets rough, friends and relatives can help keep you on track. Having the right attitude also means being there for others. No one is an island and you have to be willing to give of yourself, too. Darcie says he developed his self-confidence from the support and encouragement of his parents. They instilled a positive "can do" attitude, which helped him develop critical life skills throughout his youth. Thanks to his parents' early input, he acquired traits that developed throughout the years: a strong education, creative problem solving abilities, ambition, energy and good communication and interpersonal skills.

Thoughts To Ponder

Here are some thoughtful comments from executives who have climbed the ladder and walked the talk:



Curt Fields



Ted Darcie

"Do what you love (or at least like) and you will be successful and always in balance."

Curt Fields

"I would place a higher premium on the holistic balance of family, friends, self and spirituality in pursuit of 'higher ground' finding greater meaning and purpose in one's journey."

Mercedes Walton

"Those who lead by anticipating change and learning new skills fast succeed." Ted Darcie

Why empowerment zones aren't working

Harry K. Alford President & CEO, National Black chamber of commerce

There has been an inordinate and superfluous amount of publicity and hype given to the empowerment zones placed in Chicago, Detroit, New York, Philadelphia/Camden, Baltimore, Atlanta and the Mississippi Delta. These targeted areas are supposed to be the renaissance, rather Genesis, of capitalism in communities with a predominance of Blacks and others living in poverty. Such a program is certainly needed throughout the nation but, so far the endeavor is fast becoming a complete flop. Another federal funding flop, there is no surprise. A nation whose theme is "do for self" will never be able to legislate or mandate a level playing field. The

false hopes we are providing is merely a "pipe dream."

Let's look at some of the main reasons why this "Empowerment Zone" concept is fast becoming another dry well:

1. A program just to have a program—Each administration must come up with a new "hook" to designate its contribution to the future. It just doesn't matter what the hook is, just come up with a hook. The enterprise zones, hundreds across the nation and towns, were the precursor to the empowerment zones. The failure of the former did not discourage the designers of the new venture. It sounds good, it makes good press and it's worth exploring. The report can't come out if they are all gone, so what does the heck!

2. The "cooks" are incapable—The Department of Housing and Urban Development, aka a House of Urban Decay, has proven itself to be incompetent at business development and economic empowerment. The best business and job growth program HUD has is Section 3 which is 29 years old and is virtually ignored. How are they going to institute a new high powered program when they ignored the best one they have. Of all

the federal agencies, the Department of Agriculture is probably the most institutionally racist. Black farmers are an endangered species. Despite the above, guys who are the main contributors to the empowerment zones, HUD and US Dept. of Agriculture. It's a classic case of the "foxes watching the hen". It just isn't going to work! Why didn't the SBA and Commerce do this? Wouldn't that be logical?

3. No "water" in the well—The key to business growth and job production is capital access. The empowerment zones are based mainly on tax abatements. What good are tax abatements if there is no revenue or income to tax. The only businesses that will be attracted by a tax abatement program are viable, large businesses which are in pursuit of reinvestment at the luxury of tax avoidance. What does tax abatement mean to a business that has no start up capital let alone a process to manage overhead until the receivables are in. Thus the same problem that exist in distressed communities still exists in these empowerment zones—NO CAPITAL ACCESS. There is a lot of hype about financing but when you get down to it, if there is no significant collateral or assets to leverage it isn't

going to happen.

4. Politicized Request for Proposals (RFP's)—The 7 empowerment zones were awarded to friends of the administration. A favorite mayor, congressmen, etc. were located. Thus, the stage was set for the local concepts and proposals. The "politicians" are given a shot, not the entrepreneurs. Chicago, Baltimore, John Hopkins University, University of Maryland, Detroit—Fortune 100 auto related companies. What has taken place is current business plans mildly adjusted to qualify for the tax abatements in the empowerment zone communities because they simply have no local political ties or connections. The subject of business development is outweighed by popular social initiatives (social programs please urban politicians more than business ideas).

I still ask for an example of one of these empowerment zones producing a certifiable new Black owned business that has produced forty new jobs. That is all I want to be given, the name and address of a business doing well and the opportunity to verify it. I'm still waiting and hoping. To date, it hasn't happen. There have been some businesses moving into an empowerment zone to exploit the tax abate-

ment, free rent, etc., but no new business. There is even a K-Mart in New York, Johnson Controls has moved into the hood of Detroit and also, the previously mentioned towers of education.

Each empowerment zone is looking at the others to see how they do it. No one is doing it. I applied the candor of them except the Detroit example where Mayor Dennis Archer is going around the nation telling how great they are doing in their empowerment zone and the rest of Detroit. Don't believe it! Go there and check out the infrastructure that made this city infamous in the '70's and '80's. It's still there but the difference is a Mayor who claims it isn't so. Don't worry, Detroit is a tough town and it is going to make it despite it's nouveau "Don Quixote". It will be the people of Detroit, not an empowerment Zone designed poorly and on a certain mission of failure.

Capitalism is the key my brothers and sisters. Pure capitalism with a minimum of good government and an absence of typical politics. The more the politics, the greater the poverty and imbalance. Go to Gary, East St. Louis and Detroit and see what I mean. Will the business leaders step forward and the political tools step down or go away.

New telephone number to report unsafe drivers announced

Building upon the successful launch of New Jersey's Safe Road campaign, designed for motorists to report aggressive, dangerous, and threatening drivers, the New Jersey Wireless carriers coalition announced the establishment of an abbreviated dialing number for the state's hundreds of thousands of wireless phone users.

The special number, 877 (SR for Safe Road) will provide a more convenient way for motorists with wireless phones to reach state authorities to report aggressive drivers.

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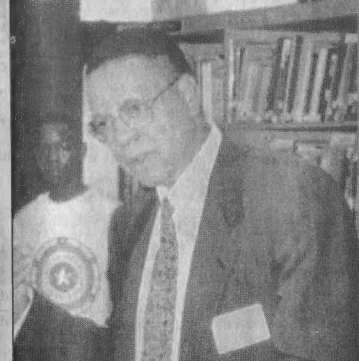
NEWARK—A group of students at Malcolm X Shabazz high school in Newark, last Thursday shared the knowledge of men and women from the corporate world, on what it takes to succeed in life, in a media style press conference.

Dale G. Caldwell, founder and president of Operation Education Incorporated (OEI) and Sr. Manager at Deloitte & Touche Consulting Group is just one of the sponsors of the New Jersey Corporate Forum that initiated the "Classroom Press Conference" program.

The participants in the "Classroom Press Conference" provide a one page biography and a brochure on the company they work for to be given to a teacher of a classroom and then to the students so they can prepare questions as if they were in a press conference.

The idea to begin such a program, Caldwell said, occurred to him about a year ago after he visited a classroom of students at Shabazz. Caldwell said the "Classroom Press Conference" objective is to expose students to careers that they otherwise would have never pursued.

"We found that wouldn't be nice if people played roles," said Caldwell. "You see the presidential news conference all the time. And we thought wouldn't it be nice if the students played the role of reporters, and when executives come in they



Dale Caldwell

can play the role of themselves."

One student at the program said that for the corporate participants to come to Shabazz was good because it showed that they have an interest in them.

"It made an impact on me because it showed me that they care, because they took time out of their schedule to come see us," said 17-year-old Jasmine Chitty, a junior at

Shabazz who is vice president of the Student Government Association.

Asked what message would be given to the students in their future careers, Caldwell said: "develop analytical skills and be a problem solver. Not only in school but in your personal life. If you develop analytical skills you will succeed no matter what you do."

Billboard

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

NEWARK—Randy Jones & Special Edition at PSE&G's Robert L. Smith Amphitheater. For more information, call 201-459-7000.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4-17

CRAINFORD—New courses providing critical reviews of film. For more information, call Union County College at 908-709-7600.

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

SOUTH AMBOY—Jazzman Wayman Tisdale at Club Bene. For more information, call 908-727-3000.

EAST ORANGE—Calvin Rock and Very Special Guests in observance of Black Music Month at Bogies. For more information, call 201-672-0068.

RED BANK—Alonzo Blackwell at the Jersey Shore Jazz and Blues Festival, Riverfest, Marine Park. For more information, call 908-280-2157.

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

TRENTON—An exhibit of works by Mary Ann Unger at the New Jersey State Museum. For more information, call 609-292-6464.

PLAINFIELD—The Seventh Principle in Concert at the Health and Human Services Community Center. For more information, call 908-561-0123.

WESTFIELD—American Performance Studios presents "CIAO ROMA," a play featuring music and refreshments. For more information, call 908-233-7214.

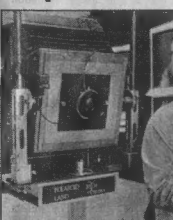
SOUTH AMBOY—Stylists celebrating 25 years at Club Bene. For more information, call 908-727-3000.

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

TRENTON—Capital Music Festival Concert at the New Jersey State Museum. For more information, call 609-292-6464.

NEW BRUNSWICK—"A Sunday Evening Jazz Concert," featuring Charlie Slide and the Jazz Creations. For more information, call 908-238-8230.

Bey exhibits his recent polaroid portraits



Photographer Dawoud Bey exhibits his recent portraits created with the Polaroid 20x24 Camera, July 3 to 25 in the Mason Gross School of the Arts Gallery, 33 Livingston Avenue in New Brunswick, New Jersey. The opening reception is Thursday, July 3, 4 pm to 7 pm. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 10 am to 4 pm. Admission is free. For information, call (908)932-7511.

'Another chance' a gospel musical drama

NY, NEW YORK—The Negro Ensemble Company (NEC) will present the World Premiere of *Another Chance*, written by New Brunswick, New Jersey native, Melanie Daniels-Ford. *Another Chance* will open on Saturday, June 21, 1997 and run through Sunday, June 16, 1997 off Broadway at the Samuel Beckett Theatre, 412 West 42nd Street, New York City Theater Row.

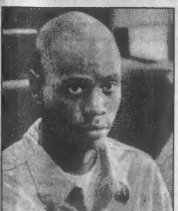
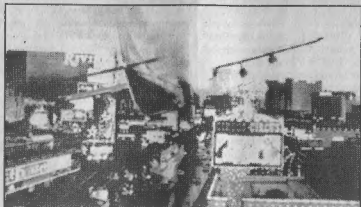
Another Chance is NEC's first gospel musical drama production in its prestigious 30 year history. Directed by Susan Watson-Turner, the play explores the world of a troubled teenager who has lost his identity. He has given up on himself and refuses to embrace the love of God because of painful memories of his past. Family and friends try to inspire him toward greatness while others lure him down paths of destruction. Will he get *Another Chance* to make one of the most important decisions of his life?

Another Chance will touch your heart, make you laugh, and let you know that God is still in control!!! It's a play filled with original music, thought provoking drama and a message of hope for the entire family.

The Negro Ensemble Company has achieved an American cultural miracle. In the past three decades, over 400 plays have been produced and developed. 300 African American writers and directors have been

Con air hits with a bang

Con Air, starring Nicolas Cage and (left to right) Kiefer Sutherland, Ving Rhames, and David Chappelle, is the story about a band of hardened "lifers" who hijack a prisoner air transport flight. The movie opens June 6.



Nation's largest jazz competition to be hosted by Grover Washington, Jr.

As the only national jazz competition of its size and scope, the Cognac Hennessy Jazz Search is searching the country for new talent and contestants for the 12th year.

Grammy Award-winning master saxophonist Grover Washington, Jr. will be serving as a judge and host of the competition in New York City.

The Grand Prize winner will also be given an opening spot at the world-famous 1998 Playboy Jazz Festival.

Jazz musicians from all musical genres throughout the United States are urged to enter the competition by submitting a 20-minute audiotape. A panel of judges will listen to every tape and select four semi-finalists, who will receive an all-expense-paid trip to New York to perform live in front of renowned jazz judges in a New York City nightclub on Oct. 3. The finals will be open to the public and will benefit the Jazz Musician's Emergency Fund.

In addition to the performance date at the 20th annual Playboy Jazz Festival—regarded as one of the world's premier jazz festivals—the Grand Prize winner will receive \$10,000, with second place taking home \$5,000 and the two third-runners winning \$2,500 each.

The Cognac Hennessy Jazz Search is a competition for jazz bands in the broadest sense. Jazz artists in contemporary, fusion, traditional,

Dixieland and all other styles are encouraged to enter. Each group entering can range in size from one to seven members. Thousands of up-and-coming musicians have entered in the past 11 years.

"I feel privileged to be associated with such a prestigious jazz competition," said Washington. "The quality of last year's entrants was superb, and I look forward to seeing what this year's talent has to offer."

The 1996 Grand Prize winner, The Mike Holober Quartet of New York, echoed Washington's enthusiasm. "We were thrilled to be selected as last year's Grand Prize winner," stated Mike Holober. "The publicity we have received has been tremendous, making this achievement a real landmark in our careers."

To enter, tapes must be postmarked by Aug. 1, 1997. For an application fee and a copy of the rules, interested contestants can write: Cognac Hennessy Jazz Search, 2801 Ocean Park Blvd., Suite J422, Santa Monica, Calif. 90405.

Roseland Artist Exhibits in Watchung

The 1990s have been good years for Maria Lupo. The Roseland artist has had three dozen group and solo exhibitions during that short time, and had been reviewed on several occasions by the New York Times, Star- Ledger and other noted publications. Not bad for an artist whose work is not strictly mainstream.

The mixed media artwork of Maria R. Lupo will be shown by the Watchung Arts Center June 4 through 28.

A reception will be held on Sunday, June 8, from 1 to 4 PM, at which the public can enjoy refreshments and meet the artist. There is no admission charge for the reception or for visits during gallery hours, which are 1 to 4 PM Monday through Saturday.

"The social, biological and spiritual developments of the human form are the concerns of my work," notes Ms. Lupo. "My figures are lifelike."

They often forge the link between man and animal, God and man, attempting to understand mankind's human, divine and animal natures. "The evolutionary aspects are hinted at by adorning the figures with objects intended to represent inner feelings, external struggles and divine triumphs, both of the individual and society."

Maria Lupo's art education includes studies in Italy and at Rutgers, followed by an MFA degree from Hunter College. She recycles her accumulated knowledge through teaching positions at several area colleges and the Newark Museum. Her work has been selected for inclusion in several private collections, and she is represented in the collection of the California Museum of Photography.

For more information calling (908) 753-0190.

ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

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At a recent music industry event, Arista recording group, For Real meets up with RCA's recording artist SWV. For Real's current single, "The Saddest Song I Ever Heard," went for official adds at Top 40 radio on May 19th. The group just completed a promotional tour throughout the United States.

11th anniversary Harmony Street Fair at Snug Harbor

NEW YORK—Snug Harbor Cultural Center presents its 11th annual Harmony Street Fair on Sunday, June 8, 1997.

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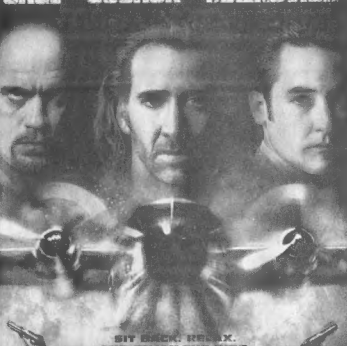
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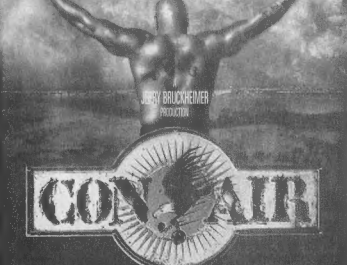
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In trying to supply the court with alternative information regarding an alternative to dollar parity as it relates to education equity, Whitman plans to submit two detailed studies. According to Whitman's issued statement, the first "would identify characteristics of suburban districts that are both effective and efficient in furthering student achievement of the Core Curriculum Standards. The second study would analyze the needs and successful programs of urban schools."

Members of the Education Law Center have discussed meeting with Kiggelbult to discuss various issues of concern. Sciara says the organization plans to reach out to Governor Whitman, as well, to schedule a meeting regarding her school funding strategy.

PLAINFIELD HEALTH CENTER HONORS CHAIR AT BALL

PLAINFIELD—The Board of Directors of the Plainfield Neighborhood Health Services Corporation will host a Queen City Ball to honor Ronald E. West, Chair of the Board. The Ball will also celebrate the one year anniversary of the opening of the new Plainfield Health Center (PHC), located at 1700-58 Myrtle Ave. in Plainfield. As Chair of the Board for the past 10 years, Ronald E. West's leadership brought to fruition the new state-of-the-art health facility. Proceeds from the event, which will also include a Silent Auction, will benefit the corporation's Building Fund. The Queen City Ball will take place Saturday June 7 from 7 pm to midnight at Brunswick Hilton and Towers in East Brunswick, NJ. Musical entertainment will be provided by Teacher's Plus 3. For more information, contact Jo-Ann Wilkins at (908) 753-6401 x152.

Youth violent crime rates show little change in recent years

By Ralph Siegel
Associated Press writer

TRENTON, N.J. (AP)—Two teenagers are accused of murdering two pizza deliverymen for kicks. A 16-year-old is charged with strangling a girl in a high school locker room. A 17-year-old is sentenced to life for murdering a teacher in a carjacking.

Sensational cases like these draw the public's attention to juvenile crime, and can feed a perception that youth violence is on the rise.

"(Certain) crimes are being sensationalized. These are horrible, and people are saying, 'Oh my God, what's happening?'" said Paul Donnelly, director of the state Juvenile Justice Commission. "But it is not reflective of what is going on."

Over the past decade there has

been little change in juvenile arrests for violent crime.

In 1995, 5,614 teenagers under age 18 were arrested for violent crimes. They represented 26 percent of all the violent crime arrests.

In 1985, 5,502 juveniles were arrested for violent crime, representing 29 percent of such arrests. The numbers dipped in the late 1980s and climbed back up at a rate of 1.6 percent a year after 1990.

When preliminary figures for 1996 are "annualized" across 12 months, they show arrests at 5,542, close to the 1985 figure, when the population was smaller.

The number of juveniles in state prisons or community facilities also has remained nearly steady. In the 1989-1990 fiscal year, the state had an average of 1,398 kids in custody a day. In the 1994-1995 fiscal year, the figure was 1,345. In mid-May of this

year it was 1,347.

Arrests are a somewhat unreliable indicator of crime. Some crimes lead to multiple arrests; others go unsolved. But until the nation's 16,000 law enforcement agencies update their crime-reporting technology, arrests are the only measure available for profiling offenders by age, sex and race, according to FBI spokesman Bill Carter.

Manville residents fight hate

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any indication of such from the pattern, police would be duty bound to arrest them.

Regarding Rivera's accusation of police brutality, Moschak says although he is familiar with his case, he is not aware of the kind of brutality Rivera detailed. "If in fact that was the case, that should have been (resolved) in court," he said. "I would be willing to listen to what Rivera has to say. My door is open anytime."

There has also been attempts in the past to give the local teens something to do as opposed to roaming the streets, but those attempts they say have been squashed by residents who did not like minority youth coming from other neighborhoods. The local VFW Hall, for example, had a youth night that ended when a policy of "no minors" was implemented. A club called the Red Zone that featured dancehall reggae music was closed less than a year after it opened. The local bowling alley where many of the local youth congregate is now being threatened with closure from local authorities. Among those most concerned with this is Pastor Steve Strickler of the Manville Reformed Church. The church has been doing youth work for a number of years. He wants a summit meeting of sorts where local police and youth leaders would get together and create a dialogue between them.

"For a number of years I never addressed the racial issue because things were pretty homogeneous here," Pastor Strickler said, himself a resident of the town for thirteen years.

"I've never went deeper to find out why we were all the same color."

The pastor said his church has been reaching out to churches of color as a way to bridge the gap he sees. Every Friday, the men's bible study joins with predominantly Black Hope Church in Bound Brook and for all involved it has been a fulfilling one. A Black congregation from Somerville is also looking at property in Manville and Pastor Strickler welcomes their inquiry with open arms. "I think it's God's will to have different groups here," he said. "I think it will be a great change for this town."

Chief Moschak is willing to work with them to resolve the concerns they have. "The last thing we want is that kind of element in this town," he said regarding the perceived racism.

Strickler and Rivera say that it is hard to build an anti-racism coalition in a town they feel is so deeply rooted in hate, but they say they need to make the effort. "It's time to try and do something," she said. Mrs. Rivera said she is glad she overcame the racist attitude with which she was raised. Pastor Strickler says he is still learning how to deal with the situation and is ashamed of the "Klanville" nickname given to his town. He hopes there will be those either within or outside the community to lend a helping hand. "Pray with us, hope with us," he says as a plea to anyone that will listen. "There are people in Manville who are working for change, and with God's will that will come about."



Richard and Jo Ann Rivera live with their children above this bar on Manville's Main Street. They say patrons harboring racist sentiments have verbally and physically attacked them, their children and their friends who are often persons of color.

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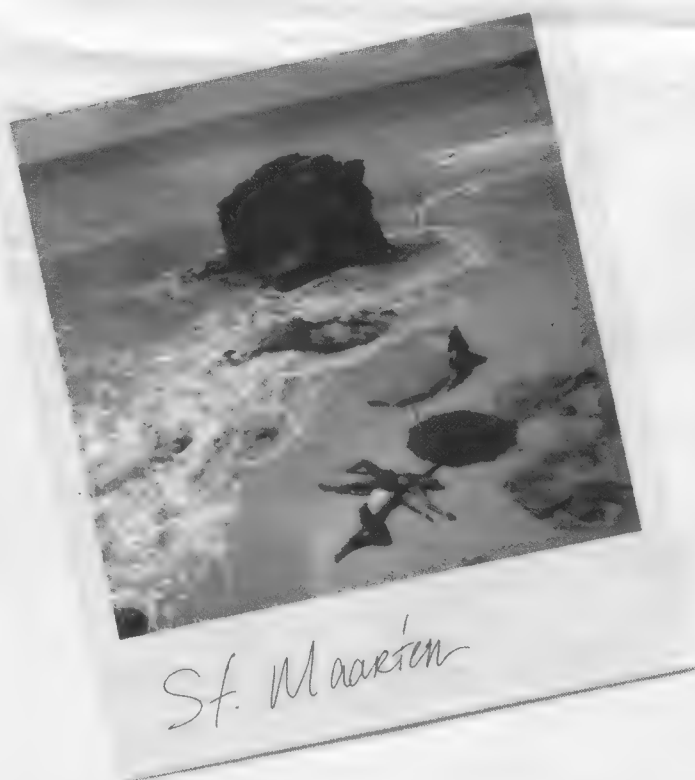
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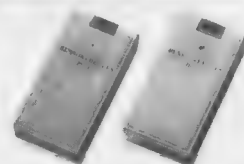
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Whether we had sold our souls for the work on the sugar plantations, settled on the white sandy beaches of West Indian islands such as St. Maarten, or worked for 40 acres and a mule in the United States, our race has touched everyday life, leaving trails of influences behind. It's up to us to listen to that familiar sound of our ancestors, beckoning us to continue to walk in the trails that they have set for us centuries ago. Travel...Explore... After all, we've earned it!

by Karen Renee Robinson

K a n s a s C i t y

Kansas City is known for many things, not the least of which include cool jazz and hot barbecue. The city, with its majestic tree-lined boulevards and its famous fountains and statues, is a visual delight. Endless entertainment opportunities such as museums, live theater, shopping, sports and riverboat gaming, are available to visitors.

The African-American experience is an integral part of this lovely city. Take the time to visit some of the attractions and sites that are relevant to our culture.

Black Archives of Mid-America - Located in the Historic 18th & Vine Heritage District is a repository of documents and artifacts chronicling our history in the four state area of Missouri, Kansas, Iowa and Oklahoma.

Lucille Buford Library - Named in the honor of the Editor and Publisher of The Call. The library is a tribute to this nationally recognized figure who many consider the city's most authoritative civil rights pioneer and stateswoman.

Buffalo Soldiers Monument - On July 25, 1992 the 9th and 10th Cavalry Regiments, comprised of African-American soldiers, were honored with the dedication, by General Colin Powell, of a magnificent bronze statue of a Buffalo Soldier in Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. The Buffalo Soldiers, formed in 1866 and named as such by Cheyenne warriors, were instrumental in the opening of the West.

Ethnic Art - A full-line, family-owned art gallery specializing in artworks by African-American artists. Prints, posters, Black Heritage ceramic figurines, the "Black cameo" pins, African instruments and carvings round out the gallery.

Lincoln Building - Purchased by the Black Economic Union in 1981, this landmark houses a number of African-American businesses, several community and business organizations and the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum.

Negro Leagues Baseball Museum - The museum offers a glimpse into the history of African-American baseball prior to 1947, when the color barrier in professional baseball was broken with the signing of Kansas City Monarchs shortstop Jackie Robinson to the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Jazz Lovers Pub Crawl - A Kansas City tradition! For one low price, jazz lovers are transported to over a dozen area nightclubs, each featuring live jazz. It usually occurs the last Thursday in June.

Kansas City Blues & Jazz Festival - This three day musical extravaganza features a jazz stage and a blues stage in Penn Valley Park. The festival is held in late July.

International Arts, Reggae & World Music Festival - A musical extravaganza, as well as a marketplace of international and local arts, crafts, clothing, jewelry, artifacts and literature. Takes place in late June/early July in Penn Valley Park.

Soul Food Dining - Maxine's, Ruby's, Niece's, 3 Friends, Jimmy's, the Hitching Post, Epicurean, Papa Lew's and Madry's Dash of Flavor. You won't be disappointed.

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IN LAS VEGAS

There's more to Las Vegas than the obvious - gambling. Along with a host of elaborately themed hotel/casinos, which in themselves are captivating to see, are thrilling attractions and wondrous sightseeing locations for visitors of all ages.

The newest heart-stopping attraction is on the Strip. The Stratosphere Tower is the tallest freestanding observation tower in the U. S., rising more than 1,100 feet. High above the Strip, the Stratosphere thrills visitors with its High Roller roller coaster ride and Big Shot ride.

A not-to-be-missed attraction is the fabulous Fremont Street Experience, which features 2.1 million lights in a canopy that transform five blocks of Downtown into a spectacular show of light and music providing the perfect venue for outdoor festivals, street performers and holiday celebrations.

Theme parks at Circus Circus Hotel/Casino and the MGM Grand Hotel/Casino delight visitors with an assortment of exhilarating rides and amusements. The newest of the 'megaresorts' is New York-New York. This hotel/casino depicts the New York City skyline with re-creations of familiar landmarks. A replica of the Statue of Liberty is the resort's signature backed by 12 New York City-styled hotel towers.

The fantasy of food at affordable pricing is evolving into another attraction of Las Vegas' distinctive aura. Variety dining is growing throughout the city. Many hotels feature weekend champagne brunches. Others offer theme buffets highlighting different cuisines such as seafood, Italian or Greek food. Some hotels serve a full breakfast of eggs, bacon, hash browns and toast for less than \$2 during the slow hours between 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Outside the hotels and casinos, Las Vegas area attractions include museums, a desert demonstration garden, a planetarium, old western towns, a water park, beautiful scenic locations and so much more making it an ideal vacation for the entire family.



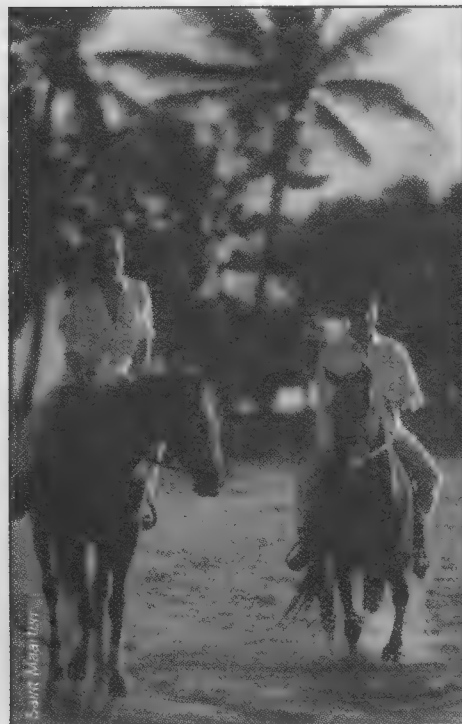
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St. Maarten

"Tertiary Capital of the Caribbean," St. Maarten doesn't disappoint. A casual stroll along Front Street brings you to DaLivio's and Dario's for Italian, Wayang Doll for Indonesian and L'Escargot for French...then there's Antoine's also serving French dishes with a touch of Creole and Italian. Seafood Galley and Chesterfield's, both overlooking Great Bay, are also excellent choices. For creative contemporary cuisine, The Simpson Bay Yacht Club's Saratoga comes highly recommended. And if you want authentic Caribbean and Creole fare, there's the West Indies restaurant; and don't forget Lynette's at Simpson Bay. That's where you'll be treated to the King Beau Beau Show, a weekly calypso revue. If you prefer a moveable feast, take the Lady Mary's Starlight Dinner Cruise for a beautifully prepared dinner and champagne cocktails.

The island's Caribbean and European flavors blend best when the sun goes down; that's when its casinos, clubs, cafes and discos come to life. Casino Royale is the largest gaming venue on the island and its showroom features an entertaining revue. Just up the road is the

The lure of St. Maarten is the beauty of its topography, the magnificence of its beaches, the European flavor of its Caribbean nightlife and the diverse ethnic and cultural blend of its people.

This Caribbean island of Dutch and French passports features no fewer than 37 beaches, not including the graceful bays, inlets and coves that offer additional encounters with the same blue sea that brought Columbus here in 1493. This variety of beach life offers something for everyone. From Dutch side to French side, modest to nudist, pounding to placid, the social life and amenities found on each beach are different, enough that no one is likely to be left out. There's even a beach with a casino on it.

Shopping, traditionally concentrated along Front Street, offers jewelry, electronics and fine linens as the big savings items, along with a colorful collection of island arts and crafts. It is worth noting that prices are so alluring here that St. Maarten has become a shopping mall for islanders across the Caribbean. Shops are open daily, except on Christmas and Good Friday. One additional tribute to St. Maarten's pride of place is the growth of classy boutique strips in other sections on the Dutch side. Into the night, long after Front Street's Amsterdam-style arcades have shut down, commerce continues on the island's stylish spaces such as Maho, surrounded by a cosmopolitan melange of hotels, condos, restaurants, cafes, casinos and clubs.

After experiencing the variety of daytime pleasures, the evening is its own elixir as a feast of intriguing options await. Recognized as the



St. Maarten King Beau
Beau Calypso Show

Atlantis Casino, where not long ago HBO featured the jet setters and the high rollers at the baccarat tables. At the Coliseum, you can also avail yourself of private gaming rooms. To hopefully celebrate your winnings, the Pelican Casino serves up nightly dancing on the Pelican Reef Terrace with a variety of Caribbean bands.

Equally entertaining and vibrant are St. Maarten's watering holes. Laughter fills the air at the Comedy Club and Caribbean bands play into the night at Cheri's. Meanwhile, at Casablanca Nightclub the "Caribbean Revue" dancers deliver a glimpse of Carnival...and you'll find more dancing, American style, at Amnesia Disco, the News Music Cafe or Pub 1950s. For something a bit more urbane, Cafe Grand Europe caters to the jazz crowd.

My goodness! Swimming, shopping, gambling, dining, dancing and friendly service, service, service - What more could a visitor as for? - Nothing! Absolutely nothing!



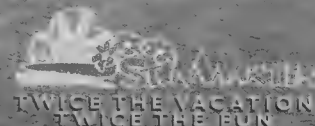
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San Antonio

Now the ninth largest city in the United States, San Antonio has retained its sense of history and tradition while carefully blending its cosmopolitan progress. The city has always been a crossroads and a meeting place. Flavors and sounds of Native Americans, Old Mexico, The Republic of Texas, African-Americans, the Wild West and the Deep South mingle and merge.

The African-American presence dates back as far as the early 1500s when Spaniards came to reestablish their claim of the territory from France. Africans were brought along as servants but by the late 1700s many were free, often inter-marrying with Spaniards, Indians and Mexicans. In 1809, Victor Blanco, a mulatto, became the first and only African-American mayor of the city.

Mexico won its independence from Spain in 1821 and with it came possession of the Texas territory. Though slavery remained prevalent throughout the southern part of the US, it was still not allowed under Mexican law. People of African descent were paid a small fee for their services, establishing them as indentured servants, typically for life. In exchange, these servants held legal papers stating they were free people.

During the 1830s settlers from the East arrived and fought countless battles with the Mexican government for control of the land. Generalissimo Santa Anna y Perez de Lebron, president of Mexico, was determined to retain control of this area. His militaristic tactics included confiscation of property. One day while looting the home of a prominent Texan, Santa Anna laid eyes on an attractive, young mulatto indentured servant named Emily Morgan. He was so over-whelmed by her beauty that she became his personal companion and boudoir confidante:

Realizing the unique position she held, Emily Morgan was able to gain Santa Anna's trust, learn his military strategies and pass along crucial information through an underground network directly to Sam Houston. It was the courage, patriotism and finesse of Emily Morgan which led to the establishment of the Republic of Texas and the downfall of Santa Anna in 1836, making her San Antonio's most famous heroine. A song was written in her honor and is

still sung with love and appreciation today - The Yellow Rose of Texas. **MUST VISIT** the River Walk. Located in the heart of downtown, is the pride of the city. Lush green foliage lines the banks of this peaceful jade-green historic river. Cobblestone walkways lead visitors to the river-level restaurants and shops. Take a cruise down the River for a visual feast.

The pleasant year-round climate, family-oriented attractions, multi-cultural history and delicious variety of foods and the heart-warming friendly people will surely beckon you to relax here and stay a while.



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Six Travel Tips

- 1) Inns usually offer their lowest rates during the week - Sunday through Thursday night. At city hotels bargain rates prevail mainly on weekends.
- 2) Make sure to carry a passport, driver's license, or other photo I.D. to meet new airline security requirements at check-in.
- 3) For extra security on a driving vacation, book a rental car with a cellular phone.
- 4) When traveling with baby via plane, be sure to schedule feeding times during take-off and landing to eliminate ear discomfort or pain for the precious little ones.
- 5) The mark of a good travel agent is one who matches your personal travel profile with all your travel arrangements whenever possible. You should be informed when you can receive savings by altering any details of your plan. And you should be kept up to date on your travel plans and any scheduled changes.
- 6) Air travel robs the body of precious moisture. During the flight, drink plenty of water, avoid alcoholic beverages, apply lotion to hands and use a moisture mist for the face. Sit back, relax and enjoy the ride.

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T a m p a F l o r i d a

A visit to Tampa is a glorious step back in time. Hand-rolled cigars, and well-known landmarks highlight the tradition and culture of a past era when this area was the "Cigar Capital of the World." Magnificently restored buildings and national historic sites have paved the way for today's bustling city. With epic architecture that dots the modern skyline, Tampa's combination of past and present is intriguing.

The Tampa Bay area was named one of the top ten best places to live in the country and the fifth most popular winter vacation destination. Tampa's exciting blend of attractions, culture, outdoor activities, sporting events, festivals and night life plus its close proximity to some of the country's best beaches add credence to its reputation as a vacation hotspot.



Shoppers can delight in the wide variety of retail outlets. Old Hyde Park Village offers glitzy, ritzy stores in a neighborhood setting. Ybor Square offers a mix of antiques, clothing stores, handmade cigars and works of art that may be worn or displayed. The multitude of malls offer one-stop shopping.

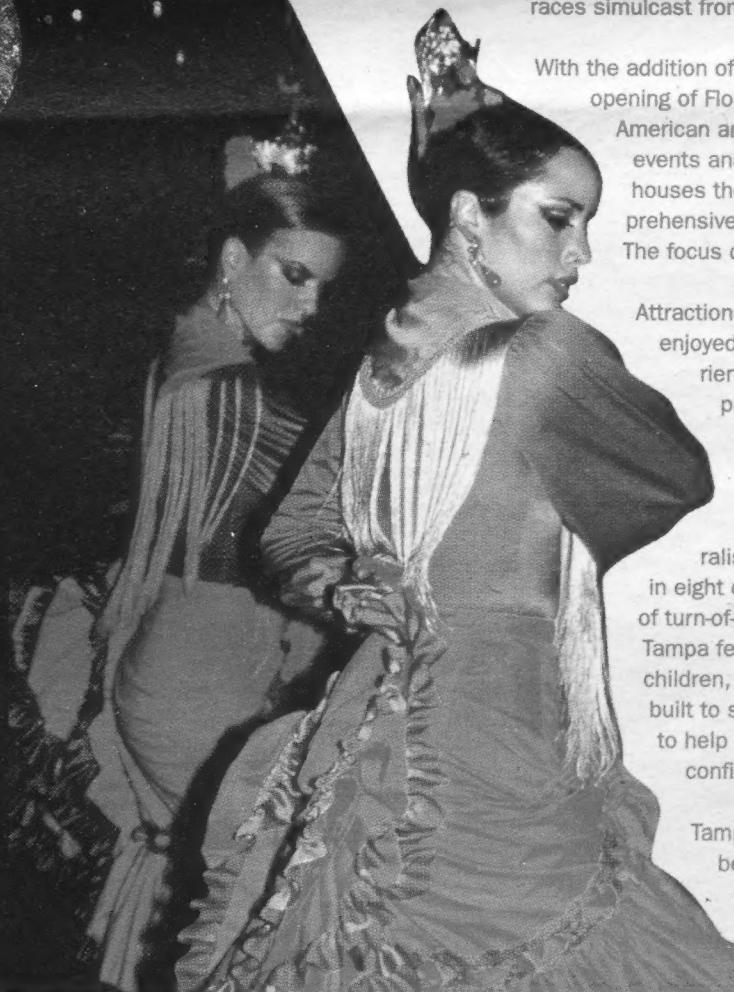
The "Sports Capital of the Country" is a nickname often associated with Tampa. The world's fastest, most dangerous ball game is year-round at the World Jai-Alai Fronton. Originating in northern Spain and bearing similarities to racquetball, jai-alai has been a Tampa tradition since 1953. Spectators cheer from the Courtview Club restaurant, auditorium or general seating areas.

Greyhounds set the pace for fun at the Tampa Greyhound Track. The track showcases a clubhouse which seats 900 and has more than 130 television monitors to view the races. The finest and fastest dogs compete at this venue. Spectators are able to see dog and horse races simulcast from other facilities across the country.

With the addition of the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center and the opening of Florida's only museum devoted primarily to African-American art, Tampa provides visitors with a variety of cultural events and exhibits. The Museum of African-American Art houses the Barnett-Aden Collection, one of the most comprehensive collections of African-American art on public view. The focus of the collection is our history and culture.

Attractions holding special interests for children and enjoyed by adults are an integral part of the Tampa experience. Adventure Island is an outdoor water theme park that features water play areas, a championship volleyball complex, outdoor cafes, picnic areas and games arcade. Busch Gardens is a family entertainment park packed with thrill rides, live entertainment, animal exhibits in naturalistic environments, shops, restaurants and games in eight distinctly themed sections that capture the spirit of turn-of-the-century Africa. The Children's Museum of Tampa features educational and entertaining activities for children, ages 2 to 12. It includes a miniature outdoor city built to scale as well as displays and programs designed to help children raise their self-esteem, and increase their confidence.

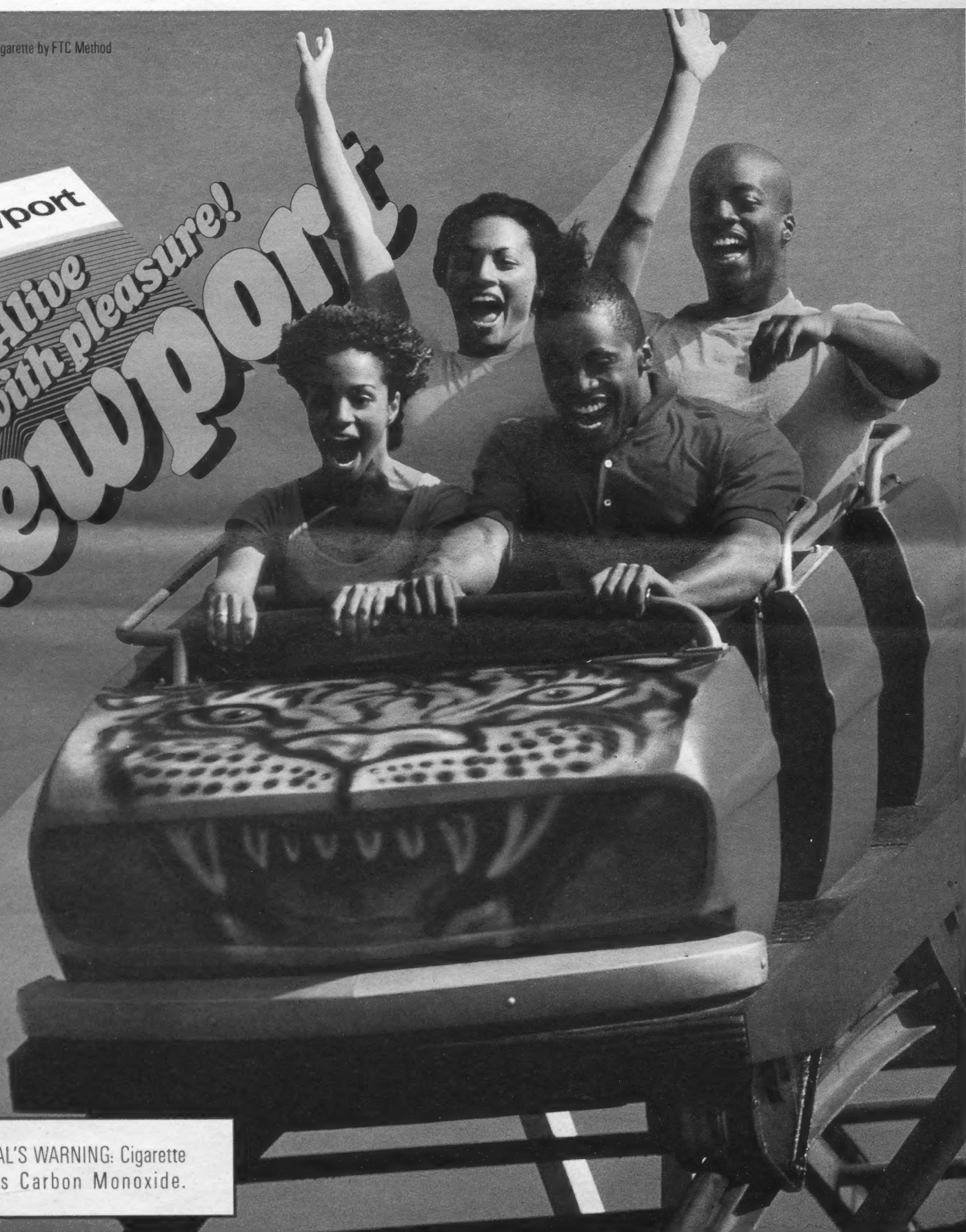
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